

PBC INTERGROUP
BUSINESS MEETING SEPTEMBER, 2012
Open Meeting.....Serenity Prayer.....Read 12 Traditions

Declaration of Unity: This we owe A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives; and the lives of those to come.

Start time: 6:15pm

Number of attendance: 46

***~Introduce new Rep's :** Pat You On The Back, intergroup rep, Julie H-Central Group, intergroup rep, Jasine H-Friends Of Bill W, intergroup rep, Tarsha H-Friends Of Bill W, alternate rep ,Melinda J- Men's 5th Tradition Group, alternate rep .Evan L-Unshakable Foundation, intergroup rep ,Rachel S.- Another Miracle, intergroup rep, Collen M- Primary Purpose, intergroup rep, Cindi F- Tired of the Beating, intergroup rep, Jason W- Midday Live, intergroup rep, April C-Sisters in Sobriety, intergroup rep, Michelle L.

Chairperson: *Steve Y.*: If everyone can please turn off or silence your cell phones so not to disrupt the meeting that would be terrific. Just a reminder that all committee reports shall be submitted to the Intergroup Secretary (Linda R.) after the meeting, or within 24 hours after tonight's meeting. All motions may be placed on the next PBCounty Intergroup agenda within 7 days following the business meeting by submitting it to the PBCounty Intergroup Chairperson.

To our new reps., please make sure you have filled out the blue form with your home group name and pertinent info, and hand it to the registrar Gary B., before leaving tonight's meeting. If anyone has any questions throughout tonight's meeting please feel free to raise your hand.

Also a reminder, in November, we will have the drawings for the time slots for Intergroup's annual alcathons. Christmas alcathon will be held at the Triangle Club and the New Year's alcathon will be here at our meeting room. So if your group wants to participate, please make you are in attendance. Thank you.

Alternate Chair: *Leroy H.*: Potluck Dinner is coming up October 20th. We have tickets for sale. It's at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lantana. Starts at 6pm. The Church needs to close by 10:00pm. Needed most are side dishes; Tom is organizing the events food and needs volunteers. Give your specialty dish in a throw away serving plates as we can not clean the dishes and keep it simple. Triangle Club has been reserved for the 24th and the 25th for the Alcathon. We will be drawing names for Intergroup reps (Groups) for time slots. Ask your groups if they are willing to join us and we will put the group name in a hat and pick out the time slot they will have for the meetings that will be running during the alcathon's. I have a list for all the events of the year are available for the taking. There are no pictures to be taken at any AA event. There have been photos taken at events in the past, please respect our anonymity.

Treasurer: *Mark H.*: We had a deficit for the month of \$806.55. Overall group contributions were strong for the month, however, we purchased new "where and when's" and it was a five pay period month. Additionally, we also purchased a new printer and phone for the intergroup office, as part of our previously budgeted expenses. Comparing this year to previous years, August is typically a month when we run a deficit and we still have a large surplus for the year to date. Overall, the Intergroup's finances are strong. Thank you for all of the individual and group contributions that make our mission possible.

~Passed the baskets according to our 7th Tradition~

Secretary: *Linda R.*: Accepted as delivered to the registrar for e-mail disbursement

Registrar: *Gary B.*: The minutes were e-mailed to the database as per the By-Laws of PBC Intergroup. The minutes were sent to the database upon receipt from the Secretary. The database was updated after the last Intergroup Meeting

Office Manager: *Ed B.:* Total Office Activity for August was 735 compared to 592 for last year. We received 2,000 new meeting lists on August 9th, 2012. These included all of the changes through August 6th. Any subsequent meeting changes will be posted on the website. General Service, District VIII has scheduled a Traditions Workshop for Saturday, September 15th in this room at 2 pm. They will discuss Traditions 9 & 10. And they always have coffee and snacks. The Southeast Regional Forum will take place at the Boca Raton Marriott November 9-11, 2012. There are flyers on the table. The event is free. They will be having an ice cream social on Friday and Saturday night. Tickets for the Ice Cream Social are \$6.25 and are available at the Intergroup Office. There may not be tickets available onsite. The Office is open M-F from 9-5 and Saturday from 9:30-1:30.

General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: *Deb M:* LIAISON REPORT - INTERGROUP TO DISTRICT 8 DISTRICT 8 BUSINESS MEETING OF 8/12/12 underway at 5:40 pm.

Next District 8 meeting will be 9/9/12; next Area 15 quarterly will be Oct 12-14/12 at the Marriott North in Ft Lauderdale. (I was unable to attend 9/9/12 meeting but will get minutes and report from those.)

Roll call was taken and new GSRs and Alt GSRs were welcomed. The north county and south county intergroup liaisons were introduced and welcomed.

All of the chairs for the various committees talked of attending the quarterly that had taken place in July in Naples.

Catherine the District Chair stated that District 8 had the most representation at the quarterly. She is very proud of our district and its contribution. Motion that District 8 establish a Remote Communities Standing Committee to assist in carrying the message to the remote communities in our District (the Caribbean islands) and to participate in Area 15 newly established Remote Communities Standing Committee was passed. This is a committee to which the representatives of the remote community meetings can report and have representation at the District and Area level.

Alt Chair had the final report for the Founder's Day Dinner- total expenses \$3,510.61; revenue \$3,923.07; surplus of \$218.07 – breakdown in the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Total cash balance in their account is \$9,307.79. Copy of the July 2012 statement is attached.

S County Intergroup Liaison and the N County Intergroup liaisons reported from their attendance at this and the south county intergroup meetings.

Archives: Claudia reported that the district will be participating in the October 4 – 7th International Archives Workshop in Cocoa Beach and she is getting organized for that. She has asked for any old materials that members may have that can be donated, restored if necessary and preserved.

Corrections: Jay has been going into the prisons and they're happy he's there and welcome him each time. The donations of Big Books and Grapevines are well received. Prisons asking for sponsorship has increased. Waiting for reply from sheriff's office to see if meetings can be taken into facility at Gun Club.

Traditions: Traditions and Concepts workshops are continuing. Would like to see better attendance. Tradition 9 & 10 will be Sept 15th. Next Concept workshop will be Oct 27th doing Concepts 7, 8 & 9. Schedules online at the local website.

PI/CPC: Set up at dental convention in Boca Raton and distributed materials and was well received; thanked those who volunteered to assist him with the event. This committee depends on volunteers.

Treatment: Attended north and south county H&I meetings and gathered information.

Special Needs: Pamphlet is being considered specially addressing the needs of the mentally ill – the content still in discussion. New hearing assistance devices are being passed out and seem to work well. There is an ASL meeting in the district – Good Shepherd Church, Thursday night at 8:30 pm. Questions or if you know of someone who has special needs – contact Howard.

Grapevine: Joan stressed to give the old Grapevines first to Claudia, the Archives chair, to see if there are any she's missing before giving to Jay for the prisons. If your groups or you know of members that have old Grapevines to donate – give them to your GSR to bring to District for distribution. The Grapevine has a new executive editor and it is now running in the black – the first that's happened for quite some time.

Literature: The proposed changes to Living Sober were approved. (I don't know what these are – that

wasn't reported.)

Room & Ride: Facilitates roommates and carpools to area meetings and will also be facilitating carpooling to the SE Regional Forum in November – hopes to have an interactive page on the website on this in the near future.

Website: Reported on the recent updates to the website and working with others in improving the webpage . Let the website chair know about events and he will be happy to put them on the website – stressed these to be regional events, not meeting events.

It has been approved that the proposed change to Tradition 11 be taken to the next panel in New York for voting. The change will encompass 4 words following “press, radio and film” and those will be “and all electronic media”. Take this to your home groups – they are trying to vote and have shared thoughts on this at the next Area meeting in October. Get your group conscious to your GSR or DCM so that it can be carried to the next Area meeting. If your group has no GSR this may be an issue that would get someone involved. Changing tradition is not easy and requires participation and interest. - 75% of all registered groups approval to pass.

Meeting adjourned at @ 7:10 p.m.

Yours in service,

Deb M.

N County Intergroup/District Liaison

General Service District VIII
 PO Box 13, WPB, FL 33402
 Financial Statement & Budget 2012
 July 1-31

Beginning Bal Chase Checking			5,623.32
Group Contributions	-		909.35
Meeting Basket	-		82.00
Founders' Day Event / Delegate's	-		3,830.78
Grapevine	-		41.50
Total			10,486.95
Disbursements			4,179.30
Ending Bal Chase Checking			6,307.65
Savings Interest	0.02		
Ending Bal Chase Savings			3,000.14
Total Cash Balance			9,307.79

Expenses	June	Budget	Year To Date
Archives		1,150.00	257.62
DCM Coordinator		100.00	-
Quarterly Lodging	2,439.59	10,960.00	6,416.58
District VIII Chairperson		100.00	77.44
District VIII Treasurer	7.15	460.00	117.20
District VIII Registrar		300.00	-
District VIII Recording Secretary	150.77	1,500.00	937.36
Contributions: GSO & Area 15		-	2,663.14
Corrections		300.00	-
Grapevine		500.00	374.01
Literature (Intergroup Billing)	118.46	995.00	631.62
PI/CPC		619.80	417.98
PO Box Rental		144.00	94.00
Triangle Club Rent	120.00	1,440.00	840.00
Special Needs Committee	165.00	2,860.00	330.00
ASL			-
Storage		948.00	797.36
Traditions		210.00	41.19
Treatment		100.00	-
Alt Chairperson-Founders/Delegate	1,195.75	1,525.00	2,715.66
Alt Chairperson-Quarterly		-	-
Misc		-	-
Totals:	4,196.72	24,211.80	16,711.16

South County Laision: *Steve H* : First month of newly elected officers introducing themselves. Giving opening reportes of stated affairs. No new business was discussed. All names and titles of elected officials are on the back of the South County News letter, which is called The SCAAN.

Archives Committee Liaison: *Scott M.*: This month I have not received much information from the Archives committee, BUT, please keep archives in mind when you report to your groups that they love OLD STUFF and contact them anytime because they will gratefully be cared for and exhibited to the fellowship in the years to come!

If you have any further questions, please feel free to ask.

Committee Chairs:

1. Public Information: *John C.:* In the month of August we had no new requests for P.I. assistance. The committee is currently working on PSA's to be broadcast on both radio and television stations through the area. We received CD's and DVD samples from GSO recently and they will be reviewed and discussed at the upcoming Intergroup Advisory Board meeting. We are also considering a luncheon or breakfast forum or conference with local agencies that deal with alcoholics as well as the treatment centers to inform and discuss the mission of our Intergroup and to offer our help in carrying the message of AA to those still suffering. More will be revealed as our committee is able to get feedback from other Intergroup offices and district and area boards that may have hosted similar events. Last but not least is concerning an event at the fairgrounds on September 23 sponsored by National Recovery Month.org. I did not find out about it until Monday and just this afternoon received a return call about the possibility of our P.I. Committee involvement. The event is from 1pm to 5pm and will have a variety of events and displays as well as a chili cook-off and a BBQ and talent show. There are some flyers up on the table and I am awaiting info on how the P.I. Committee may be involved. As always please contact me through the website or through the office if you would like to be involved in this service committee or with any ideas you may have to carry the message.

2. 12 Step List: *Ed W.:* Not a lot new to report, I spent last month making announcements before the meetings for the need of volunteers for the different committees at Intergroup, as of yet haven't gotten any responses, so I'm looking forward to the Potluck Dinner as an opportunity to maybe sign up some volunteers.

3. Phone Volunteer: *David C.:* Things are still good; shifts that need to be filled are as follows Sunday 1pm -5pm, Thursday 11pm-6am, and Friday 11pm-6am. If you are a member of AA and want to help answer phones this commitment is about 4 hours a week on non business hours. A good candidate for this position is someone that can consistently and reliably be of service at the time scheduled. If you would like to be placed in the queue for a volunteer position on the list please contact me at phone.chair.intergroup@gmail.com. What I would really like to do is get a list of local AA members that want to volunteer and when the need is there I can call the list and place people in shifts.

4. Today: *Randy B. :* The September issue of the Today is before you. All Groups are encouraged to submit group activities to the Today. The September issue is full of exciting events coming in the next couple of months like the 36th Annual Pot Luck Dinner is coming in October as well as the usual monthly financial reports, Birthday Club celebrants and Coming Events. Please take the Today back to your group and implore members to become a part of this newsletter and send all submissions to: today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org. Email address can always be found at www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org. Please remember that all group activity submissions ought to be at least 2 months in advance of the event.

5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: *Robin:* We had a lot of B-Day's this month 18, and the medallions were sent out late week and the today subscribe went out today.

6. Website Committee: *Trish D.:*

- Posted the August Today
- Posted the August Intergroup Business Minutes
- Updated the Home Page
- Posted the new Meeting List
- Posted the recent meeting changes
- Worked on the New PBC Intergroup website

7. Group Contact Committee: *Ryan R.:* Since last meeting because of the paragraph in our Today, 2 groups have reached out to join intergroup:.. keys to the kingdom edi tues and thurs @ 10am, and lost and found at miracles Tues @ 7:15--also one group gave me their group contact info. Finally 2 other groups reached out to get added into the where and when. Slowly but surely we are tackling the 165 groups that

do not have intergroup reps. If anyone is looking for service this is a great opportunity to get active and it is a great opportunity to get introduced to new meetings. Please see me after the meeting if you are interested.

8. Bridging the Gap: *Carol G.*: On Tuesday, September 4, 2012 I took a meeting into the BHOP location of The Cottages of The Palm Beaches. I brought along a wonderful speaker and although the clients were very receptive, none of them handed in their request forms.

BHOP in Lake Park have cancelled BTG meetings on a monthly basis. They are requesting that meetings be brought in on an as needed basis as their schedule doesn't allow for enough time for BTG's monthly visit. A request for a BTG contact was referred to me from the Intergroup office and I was able to put her in touch with a volunteer in Wellington. Since most of the clients that I visit consider themselves "addicts" and not "alcoholics" they are more interested in pursuing NA and are reluctant to seek help from Intergroup's BTG.

9. Where and When Committee: *Roger B.*: We have plenty of Meeting Lists in stock. New changes and additions will be added to the website in the next few days. If any groups have any changes, please let us know as soon as possible. You can email me at whereandwhen@aa-palmbeachcounty.org, or contact the Intergroup Office. There are also forms on the home page of the website to change, cancel, or add a meeting. These forms can be turned into the Intergroup Office and Ed will forward the information to me and I will send a copy to Trish for the website.

10. Institutions: *Fred B.*: no report

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Upcoming Events:

1. Intergroup's annual Potluck Dinner to be held Sat. Oct. 20th, 2012@ the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lantana.

2. An early reminder that we will have our annual Alcahons: (Christmas & New Year's Eve), the drawing for the time slots will be in Nov. at the Intergroup business meeting. We will post the time slots and home groups representing them in our December Today.....more info will be added in the coming month.

End Time: 6:55